

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Final term of 2024!
Start strong to finish strong.
Attendance: 77%



Staff vs Y13

The final challenge was indoor hockey... it went the way all other games have this year... Staff won 7 - 5!

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa...and just like that our seniors have 4 days of schooling left in the year. They will then either begin studying for exams, thinking about the holidays or start being really useful around the house to show their gratitude to their parents/caregivers! Meanwhile at school a new journey begins for our year 7-10 students. The year 10's will be choosing their year 11 subjects and adjusting to the fact that they are the seniors of the school. Our year 9 students, having just returned from a couple of days camping, will be moving into their senior whanau groups in week 4, our year 8s will be getting ready to go off to camp and our year 7s will be eyeing up their yr 8 teacher!! Last weeks news of departing staff is offset by the arrival of Whaea Daeja who has arrived this term fresh from teachers college to pick up a class of super lucky year 8's. Welcome to the team Whaea. Have a great long weekend. Travel safe and enjoy the time together.

KEY DATES

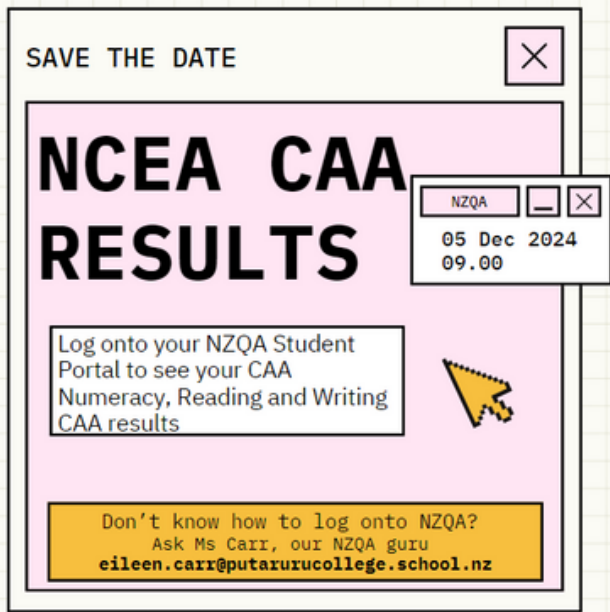
Week 3 (28th October to 1st November)

Monday - Labour Day - school closed
Tuesday - normal school day
Wednesday - normal school day
Thursday - normal school day
Friday - Senior Prizegiving - begins at 1pm

Week 4 (4th November to 8th November)

Monday - Y9&10 End of Year Writing Test
Tuesday - NCEA Exams Begin, normal school day
Wednesday - normal school day
Thursday - normal school day
Friday - normal school day

Week 6 - Wednesday 20th November Teacher only day - No school.



After prizegiving seniors should only in school for three reasons:

- 1. To attend a scheduled NCEA exam**
- 2. To revise for an upcoming NCEA exam**
- 3. To complete NCEA assessments, as agreed and invited by teachers.**

They will need to be in the correct uniform, and follow all our usual school protocols and will sign in and out at Student Services.



Santa's Little Helpers: Christmas Gift Hampers for Our Community

As the festive season approaches, three of our very own students have stepped up to spread some holiday cheer in a truly meaningful way. Matthew Rogers, Jono Donn, and Isaac Farrell successfully met the challenge of creating thoughtful, well-balanced Christmas gift hampers for local families, and their efforts have been a resounding success.

Students in Ms Hawkes' Hospitality class were tasked with designing grocery lists for 10 gift baskets using a \$500 Woolworths voucher generously donated to the school by Kura Kai who have supported our community throughout the year. The challenge was to prioritise essential items, such as flour, sugar, pasta, and canned goods, while leaving room for a few luxury items to make the holidays extra special. The stakes were high, but Matthew, Jono, and Isaac rose to the occasion with creativity, teamwork, and strategic thinking.

The trio's carefully planned baskets, priced just right to maximise the \$50-per-basket budget, were selected as the best among the group. Their thoughtful approach balanced the needs of families with festive extras, ensuring that each hamper felt like a true gift of the season. Thanks to their hard work, and to the support of Kura Kai supporters Ms Duthie and Ms Hawkes, ten lucky whānau will have a hamper delivered to them ahead of the Christmas season.





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Cohen Gilchrist – nominated by Ms Taylor for diligence and effort in all core subjects.

Middles: Xanthe Tucker–Stranche – nominated by Mrs Argent for her great writing piece about the apocalypse!

Seniors: Teaukura Moke–Takiri – nominated by Mrs Argent for being respectful and helpful to teachers.



Diwali, the “Festival of Light,” marks the victory of good over evil, light over darkness. People of different faiths celebrate it all over the world.



Stars Teina Success for Autumn

Last night, Autumn Smith and her whānau were welcomed and honoured to be part of the Graeme Dingle Foundational Waikato Excellence Awards. Autumn was awarded the Manukura Taki - outstanding leadership - award for her contribution to the programme this year. Her Stars Teina kaimahi, Daley Nicholls (a Putāruru College alumni) spoke of her kindness and support for her peers). Congratulations to Autumn, and her whānau, for all the hard mahi. We see you and appreciate you!

A long time ago in the Kingdom of Ayodhya Prince Rama was sent to 14 years of exile by his stepmother who wanted her son Bharata to become the king of Ayodhya. Prince Rama was accompanied by his wife Princess Sita and brother Lachman. When Bharata found out what his mother had done he refused to take over the crown.

While in exile Prince Rama, his wife Princess Sita, and brother Lachman encountered many hardships, one of which was a battle against the evil ruler Ravana. The battle lasted for many days between the brothers' team with Hunuman and his band of monkeys against Ravana with his team. Finally, the battle was won by Prince Ramas’ team. After 14 years of exile Prince Rama, his wife Princess Sita, and his brother Lachman returned to Ayodhya. Upon their return, the villagers cleaned the village, lit lamps, and distributed sweets. This gratitude signifies honesty, braveness, and kindness to people of goodwill.

So “Happy Diwali” to you all and may the light continue to burn for goodness.

Year 9 CAMP

Year 9 students embarked on a memorable camp at Waitawheta, and what an incredible experience it turned out to be!

From fun water activities, historic nature walks and cold river swims this trip had it all.

One of the highlights was kayaking and swimming at ANZAC Bay in Bowentown. To make it even more special, one lucky group spotted not one, but three Orca!

Back at Dicky Flat, team-building exercises helped our students bond as they tackled challenges together. After working up a sweat, they cooled off with a refreshing swim at the beautiful Dicky Flat waterfall and swimming hole, which they needed to walk through a 200m tunnel to get to.

The short tramp through the historic Windows Walk in the Karangahake Gorge added a sense of adventure, as they explored the area's rich history and stunning scenery. The low ropes course at camp brought out their competitive and cooperative sides, with students encouraging each other and working as a team to navigate the tricky obstacles.

Evenings were a time for relaxation and campfire treats. Toasting marshmallows and cooking chocolate bananas in the embers was a highlight for many, providing a delicious end to action-packed days.

It was fantastic to see the Year 9 camp return, and based on the fun and success of this year's trip, we're excited to make this an annual tradition. Can't wait to do it all again next year!



2025 Subject Selection

2024 Year 11 and Year 12 students...

This week in whānau class all year 11 and year 12 students should have logged into School Point to indicate which subjects they would like to take in 2025 as year 12's and 13's. These are indications only, and will enable us to build a timetable and allocate staffing to best meet the needs of students.



2024 Year 10 Selection...

This will be carried out later in the term. So watch this space!

Haven't selected?

Go to

<https://putaruru.schoolpoint.co.nz/>

- 1) Log on
- 2) Go to student dashboard
- 3) Click "My Courses" on the side
- 4) Select SIX courses

Senior Exams start on the 5th November!

These are fast approaching, and all senior students entered into exams should have a study plan in place.

We expect all students to attend their exams to demonstrate the learning they have done this year.



If you are coming into school during the exam period please be extra quiet around the hall!



EXAM!



2024 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Examinations available digitally shown in blue.

Date	Session	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Tue 5 Nov	AM	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM	Gagana Sāmoa Spanish	Biology	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Statistics
Wed 6 Nov	AM			English	
	PM	Geography	Spanish	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	German
Thu 7 Nov	AM		English		Latin
	PM	Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani	Accounting	History	French
Fri 8 Nov	AM	Mathematics & Statistics		Chemistry	Accounting
	PM		Music		History
WEEKEND					
Mon 11 Nov	AM	French	Lea Faka-Tonga Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	PM	Commerce	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Media Studies
Tue 12 Nov	AM	English			Physics
	PM	Korean	Drama	Samoan	
Wed 13 Nov	AM	Science	Chemistry	Drama	Geography
	PM	Gagana Tokelau Vagahau Niue	Geography	Biology	Art History
Thu 14 Nov	AM	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	PM	History	Chinese	Accounting	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 15 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 18 Nov	AM	Te Reo Māori	French	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	Chemistry
	PM	Japanese	Health	Economics	
Tue 19 Nov	AM	Chemistry & Biology	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
	PM	Health Studies	Business Studies Cook Islands Māori	Health	
Wed 20 Nov	AM	Chinese (Mandarin)	Te Reo Rangatira	Lea Faka-Tonga	English
	PM	Social Studies	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Thu 21 Nov	AM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	PM		Economics	Korean	
Fri 22 Nov	AM	Religious Studies	Physics	Business Studies	
	PM	German	Media Studies		Biology
WEEKEND					
Mon 25 Nov	AM	Digital Technologies	Japanese	Geography	
	PM		Earth & Space Science		Religious Studies
Tue 26 Nov	AM		Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	PM		German	Home Economics	
Wed 27 Nov	AM		Social Studies	French	Japanese
	PM		Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Media Studies	
Thu 28 Nov	AM		Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	PM			Music Studies	Spanish
Fri 29 Nov	AM		Dance		Earth & Space Science

IMPORTANT

On the day of your exam:

- Be in School Uniform
- Bring your Admission Slip
- Turn off and Remove all phones, smart watches and digital devices
- Be on Time

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT RELIEF CRISIS

The Teaching Council has initiated a temporary change to our policy for Limited Authority to Teach (LAT).

The temporary change means that if you are currently registered or were previously registered as a teacher, but don't have a current practising certificate AND do not want to return to a permanent teaching role, you may be able to apply for a LAT for a fixed period. The policy took effect on 6 September 2024 and you can apply for a LAT under its provisions until 31 December 2024.

- You can apply for a LAT for one year, with the option for one re-issue of the LAT – for a further year.
- You will need to meet all other criteria for obtaining a LAT.
- A principal will need to attest to your specialist skills or skills in short supply.

Who can apply for a LAT?

Tūranga Whakaako Whai-herenga | Limited Authority to Teach is not a type of practising certificate and it is not for registered teachers nor for permanent employment. It enables people without teaching qualifications to teach in positions where there is a need for specialist skills or skills in short supply.

If you have a specialist skill or skills that are in short supply, but are not a registered teacher, you may apply for a LAT and teach lawfully.

Specialist skill: A skill which requires a high level of expertise in a specific subject area that is not widely available among registered teachers, for example, musical instrument, language or guidance counselling.

Skill that is in short supply: Teaching positions which should be filled by a registered teacher but for which there are currently no such teachers available because of supply issues in a geographic location. The need for these positions must be demonstrated by an employer and will be considered within a regional context.

Contact office@putarurucollege.school.nz or 078838323 for more info.